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WFA RESTRICTS USE OF HEAVY CREAM

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 -- Beginning August 1, all prescriptions for heavy cream must be approved by a local public health officer or secretary of a county medical society, according to an announcement made here today by officials of the War Food Administration.

War Food Order No. 13 now prohibits sale of heavy cream containing more than 19 percent butterfat, but allows physicians to prescribe heavier cream when it is important to the health of their patients. During the past few months, reports of medical authorities have indicated that some physicians have too freely prescribed heavy cream. The new amendment to WFO 13 will sanction such prescriptions only when absolutely necessary.

At the same time, the WFA extended previous restrictions on sales of heavy cream to "substitutes" such as cream to which some oil or fat other than milkfat has been added, or which has been air-expanded.

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ANT I TURKEY BUYING ENDS, SALE TO CIVILIANS OKAYED

SAM FRANCISCO, June 6 -- Restrictions on sale of hen turkeys for the civilian market were ended today by the War Food Administration, as the Army completed purchase of over eight million pounds of turkey for which it was given priority six weeks ago.

Local officials of the WFA Office of Distribution said that turkeys are now being marketed rapidly, and that all hens sent to market until the end of the current season may be sold to civilians without limit. Orders requiring processors to set aside their birds for military allotment are likewise suspended.

Today's action by WFA was made effective through termination of War Food Order No. 97, effective since last May 21 in sixteen turkey-growing states including California, Oregon, Washington and Utah. Since the Army purchase of eight million pounds of turkey will not supply all overseas and domestic needs for the entire year, it was expected another set-aside order may be required when hen turkeys hatched in 1944 are ready to market.

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PEA PRICE SET - Grower prices for field peas for canning were approved today, according to an announcement made jointly by OPA and WFA.

Prices in the West will be \$65 per ton for black eyed, crowder, cream, purple hulls and similar varieties used for canning. This is an average price to be used in calculating canners' ceilings, and will permit payment of normal differentials for different grades customarily delivered to canners.

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